I Want To Play Baseball

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IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF A JOKE!?
HANDING UP A BLANK EXAM PAPER!?
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HUH!?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING FOR 90 MINUTES?
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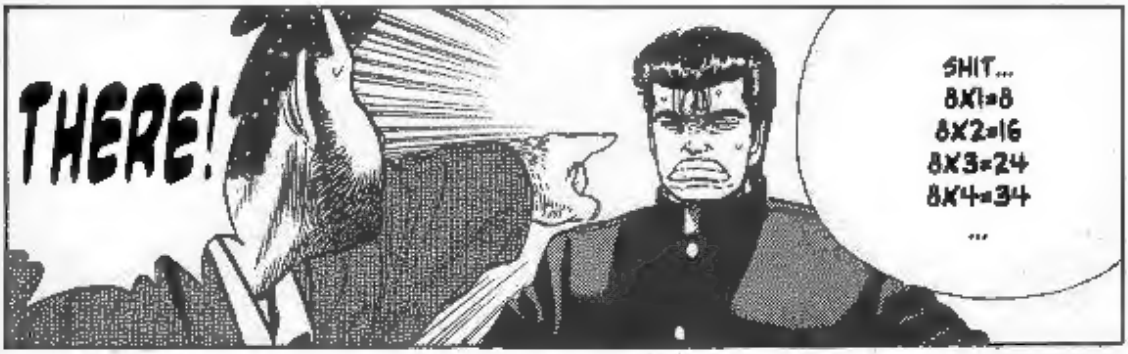
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO PASS THIS YEAR, HUH?
YOU. TOOK. A. NAP. INTEAD. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS!
WELL... I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, SO I TOOK A NAP INSTEAD ...
BAH, I DON'T NEED HIGH GRADES, SIR...
WHAT!?

HUH!? WHY? I'M NEARLY ALWAYS AT SCHOOL, MASA!
THEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL ME!

EUH...
WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?

I'M TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLICATION TABLES OVER HERE!!
BUT SHIT, I WROTE 'EM OUT! ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH!?
GIVE ME THE EIGHT TIMES TABLES! GO!!


THERE!
SHIT...
8X1=8
8X2=16
8X3=24
8X4=34
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HEH HEH HEH...

DAMMIT, THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT
MASDA...!

N-NO WAY!!
8X4= 32!!

AH, MAEDA!
TALK TO ME ABOUT YOUR TRAINING... I HOPE YOU'RE TAKING THAT SERIOUSLY?
YO, SAMPEITA!

LISTEN YOSHINO ...

YOU'RE SKILLED AT BASEBALL, THAT'S A GREAT GIFT TO HAVE...
BUT YOU REALIZE IT'S ONLY BY PASSING EXAMS THAT YOU GET TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB'S, RIGHT?

YOSHINO?

HUH?

HERE ARE THE SHEETS, SIR.
AH! THANKS, NAKATA!
YOU HAVE A LOT OF ADMIRERS... A LOT OF THE FIRST YEAR'S ENROLLED HERE BECAUSE OF YOU. YOU KNOW THAT, YOSHINO?

IF YOU DON'T START STUDYING HARD AND GET RID OF THIS RAKISH ATTITUDE QUICKLY...
...THAN I'LL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO BAN YOU FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES...

SKY+34
...

OKAY, SIR...
I'LL TRY
...

BAN HIM FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES!?

HUH?
PLEASE, DON'T TELL ANYONE? OKAY?

WHO SAID THAT!?
WOAH!

NO! NO! FORGET ABOUT ME!!
I'LL REMEMBER YOU...

WAIT A MINUTE, AREN'T YOU MAEDA, THE FAMOUS GUY FROM CLASS 1-6?
EH, YEAH!

YEAH, WHY?
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU THE BASEBALLER, YOSHINO?

UH...
HM?

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WELL... I'M ONE OF YOUR FANS... A HUGE FAN!

WELL, MY BROTHER SAID HE WAS KICKED OFF THE TEAM 'CAUSE HE WOULDN'T GET A HAIRCUT ...

WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?
NAH, WE NEVER CARED ABOUT THAT RULE AT OUR CLUB.

WHAT?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU WITHOUT YOUR CAP...! THOUGHT YOU HAD TO CUT YOUR HAIR TO PLAY?

UH...
WHAT? YOU'RE KOHEIJI'S LITTLE BROTHER!?

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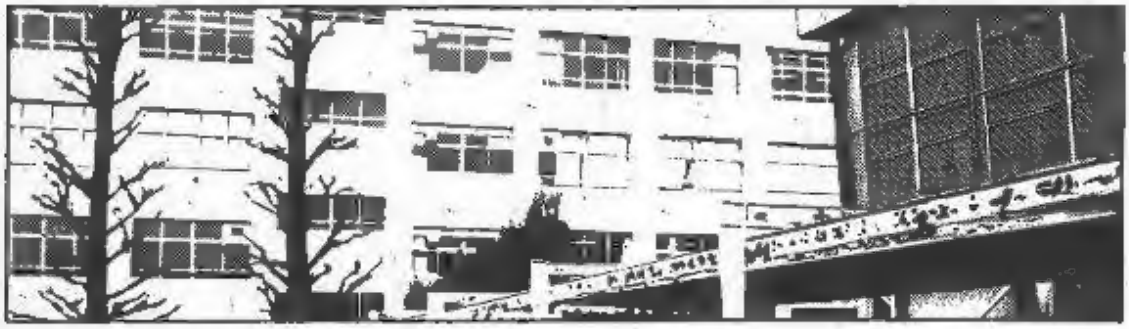
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
YEAH.
HA HA HA HA HA! AH, WELL... HONEST TO GOD!!



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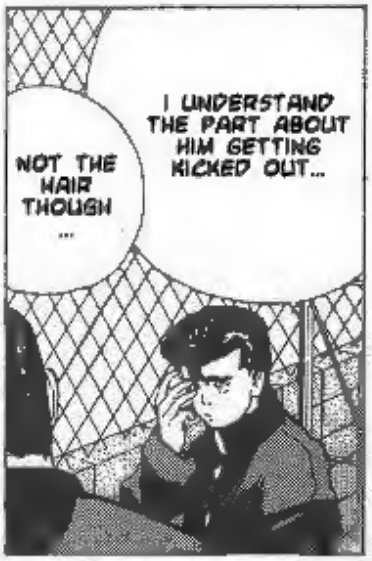
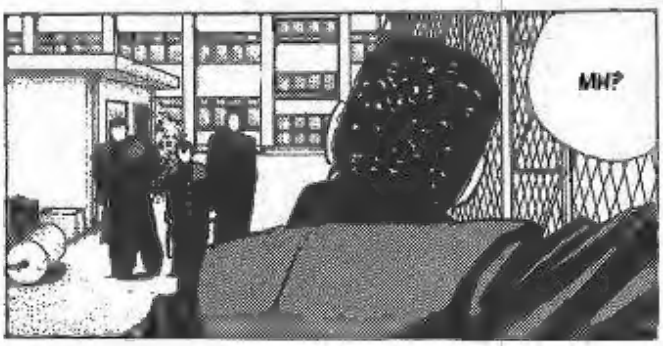
*COULD BE A COINCIDENCE, BUT THESE ARE THE NAMES OF TWO OF THE MAIN CHARACTER'S FROM FIST OF THE NORTH STAR, THE MANGA MORITA WAS AN ASSISTANT FOR...



WHAT'S MY BROTHER DOING HERE?

OH!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UH, BIG BROTHER?

SAM-PEITA!?

DON'T LOOK!
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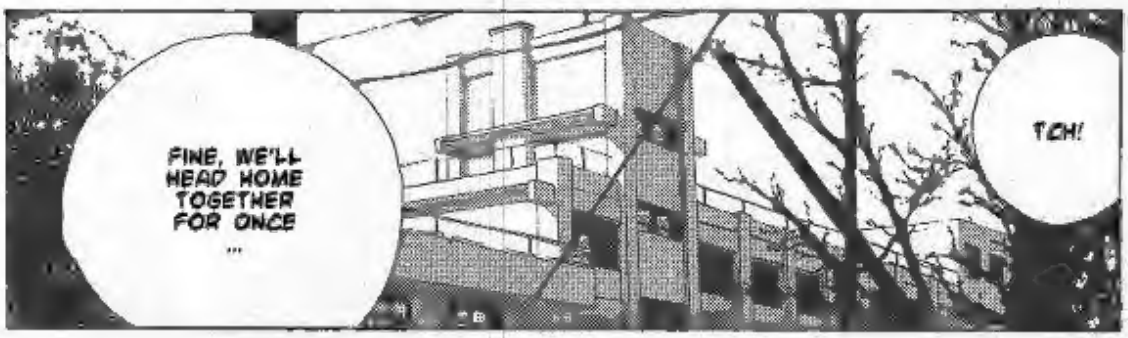
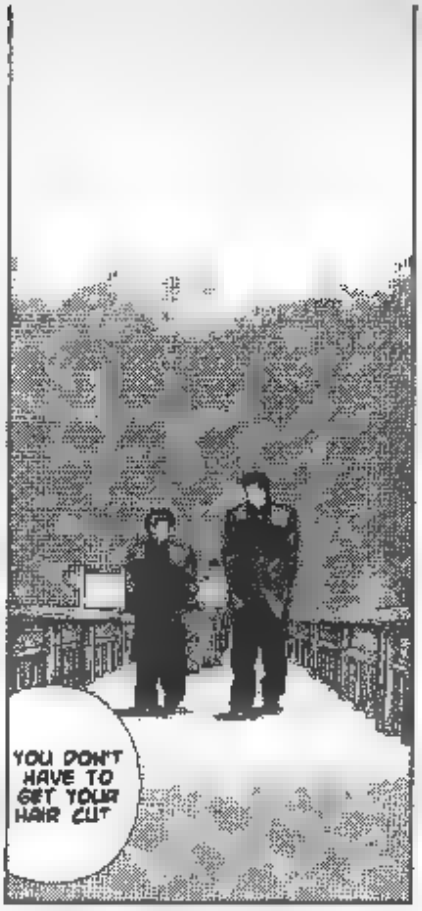

FINE, WE'LL HEAD HOME TOGETHER FOR ONCE ...
TCH!

BUT YOSHINO SAID THAT THAT'S NEVER BEEN ENFORCED!
THAT'S 'CAUSE THE RULES'VE CHANGED SINCE THE START OF THIS YEAR!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET YOUR HAIR CUT

JUST TELL ME...WHY WERE YOU KICKED OUT?
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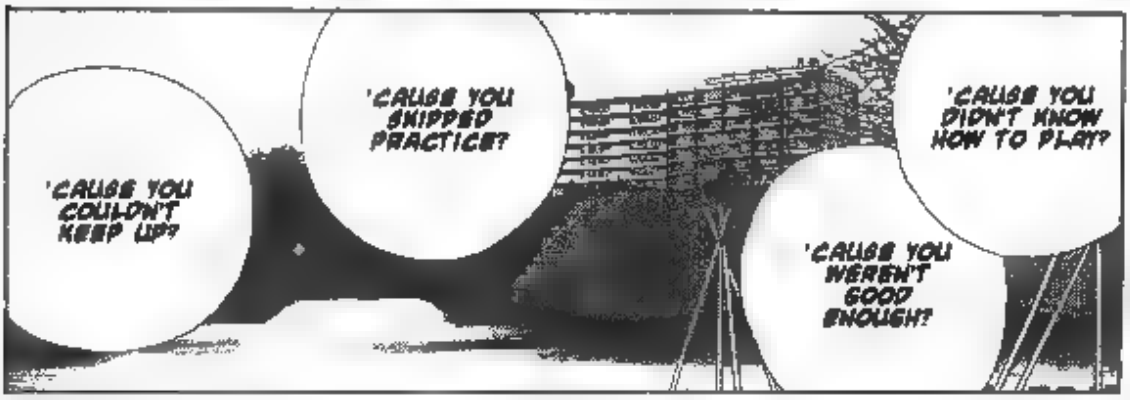
'CAUSE YOU COULDN'T KEEP UP?
'CAUSE YOU SKIPPED PRACTICE?
'CAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY?
'CAUSE YOU WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH?

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BUT YOU SAID...
SHUT UP!
I WASN'T KICKED OUT! I JUST STOPPED. OKAY!

MY PRIDE WAS HURT, LITTLE [redacted]

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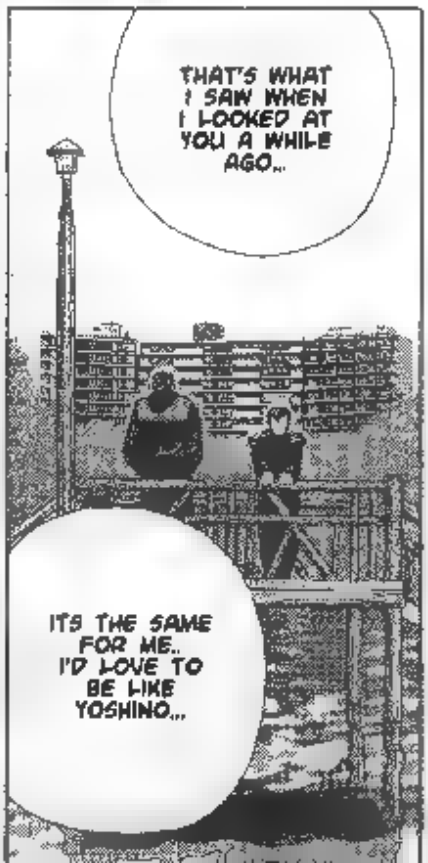
HM...!

YOU WANNA ASS KICKING!?
YOU'VE PRIDE!?

OF COURSE, THAT'LL PROBABLY NEVER HAPPEN... BUT I WON'T KNOW IF I DON'T TRY...


THAT'S WHAT I SAW WHEN I LOOKED AT YOU A WHILE AGO...
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.. I'D LOVE TO BE LIKE YOSHINO...

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HUH, BIG BROTHER?
YOU STILL WANT TO [redacted]...

YEAH! YOU SEE!
LIKE THAT, I CAN GET GOOD! AND THEN GET REVENGE ON THE GUY THAT HURT YOU!

LET ME PLAY
SO, PLEASE...

I AM THE LITTLE BROTHER OF THE BOSS!
DON'T WORRY!

YOU REALLY WANT TO PLAY, HUH...

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YOU WERE ALL FUCKING AROUND OUT THERE!

WE NEARLY HAD A PERFECT GAME GODAMMIT!
YOSHINO, THAT'S ENOUGH. IT WAS A FRIENDLY AND WE DIDN'T EVEN LOSE.

YOU COULDN'T CATCH ONE SHITTY FUCKIN' BALL?
GO FUCK YOURSELF, YOSHINO!

HUH!?
AND 'CAUSE OF THIS JERK OFF WE GAVE UP A POINT!

IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOU HE WAS ABLE TO EVEN HIT THAT FUCKING BALL!!
DON'T BLAME OTHERS FOR YOUR FUCKING MISTAKES, SHITHEAD!!

WHAT'D I JUST SAY!!
YOU LOOKIN' TO SETTLE THIS!?

AN EASY BALL LIKE THAT... ANYBODY'D BE ABLE TO HIT A HOME RUN...!
WHAT THE FUCK!?

YOU KNOW THE ALL-STAR, PETER ROSE? WELL IN THE STATES I LIVED WITH GUYS THAT WERE TIGHT WITH HIM! YOU'VE MADE A HUGE MISTAKE, YOSHINO!

YEAH, YEAH!!

IF YOU CAN TOUCH MY BALL, EVEN GRAZE IT, YOU WIN.

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'KI-AHH'!

OBVIOUSLY I ONLY SAVE MY SPECIAL THROW FOR THE LAST PITCH!

HA HA! GOOD JOB WITH THAT "KI-AHH"!

THAT WAS JUST NORMAL BALL!
TELL YOU SON OF A BITCH!

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HERE IT COMES! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN BACK UP WHAT YOU SAID, MOTHERFUCKER!
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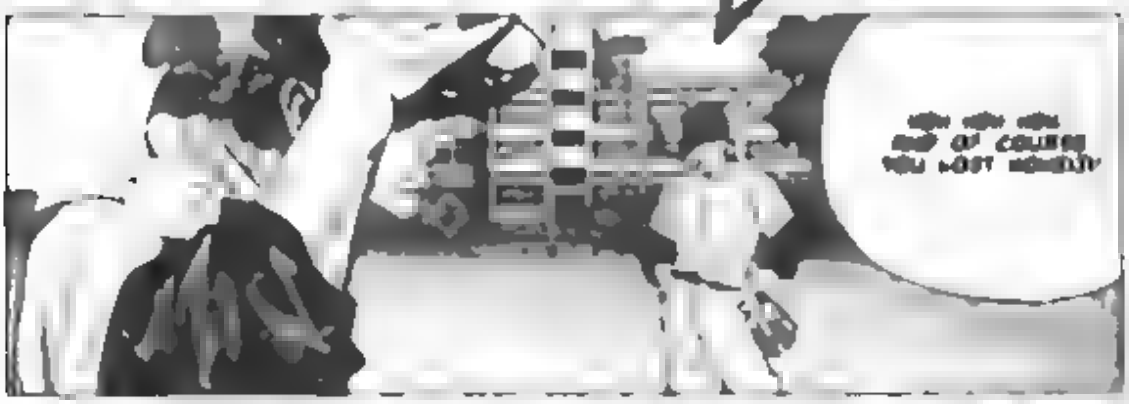
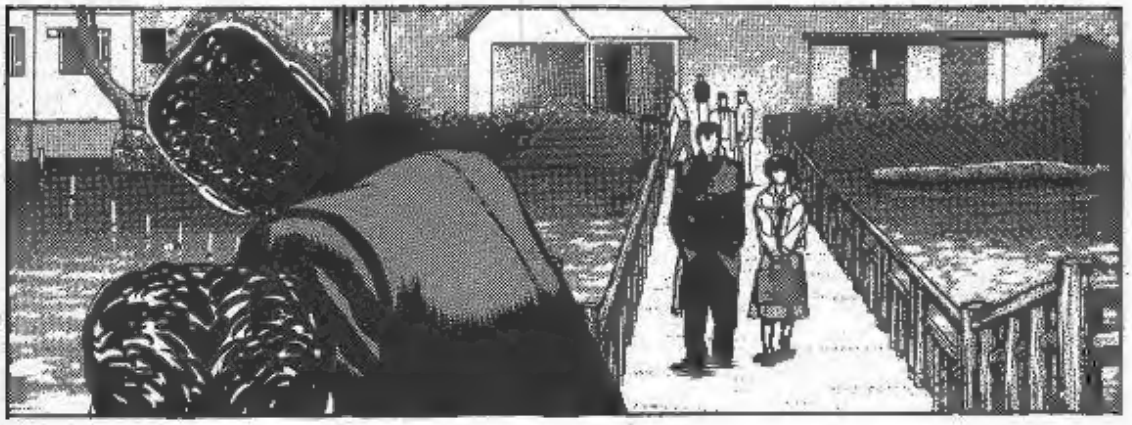
NOW!!


OF COURSE
YOU LOST MEMORY

YOU
FORGIVE YOU

WHAT'S WRONG, BRO'?



THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
OF COURSE NOT !!
HELLO!
WHY THE HELL'RE YOU SHOUTING?

HEY, YOU TWO!
AH! IT'S NAKATA!

HEY, MAEDA! WHAT'S UP?
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AND HE KNEW YOU BRO'!
I THINK THEY WILL...I WAS TALKING TO YOSHINO FOR THE FIRST TIME...

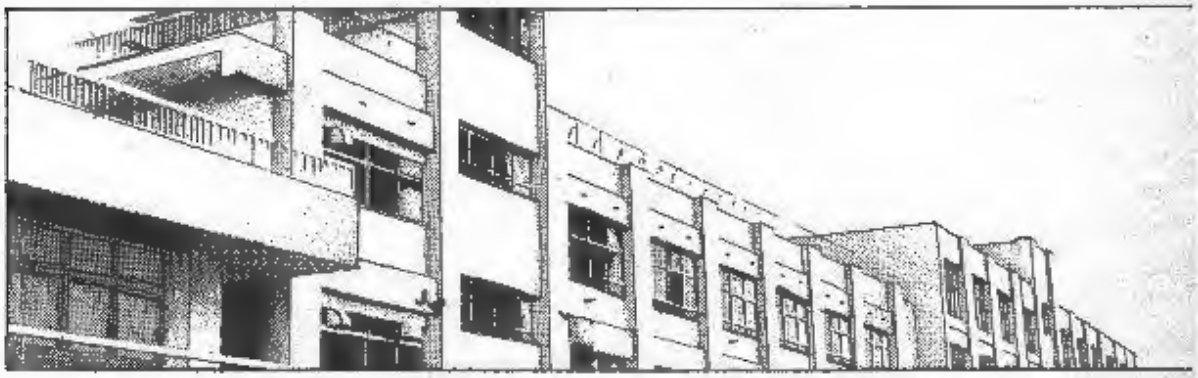
BUT THEY'LL NEVER LET YOU JOIN!
DO WHAT YOU WANT ...

HA HA HA! THANKS!

GOOD LUCK!
THAT'S GREAT!

BASE-BALL...
HM, WHAT'RE YOU JOINING?

IF I REJOINED THE BASEBALL CLUB...?
HMM...



SHIT! WHAT IF HE TELLS SOMEONE ...
HUH!?
HM?
SMOKERS ...!?
IT MUST BE THIS ONE...
OH HEY, IT'S YOU!
MM?
YEAH, WHAT'LL WE DO?
IT'LL BE BAD IF HE RATS ...
OH!